

Fifth Grade Entering Sixth Grade

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor ©2016 Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far, Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. **Grade Level 5-7**

The Girl Who Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate ©2015 "A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary" **Grade Level 5-8**

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Regan Barnhill ©2016 Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. **2017 Newbery Medal Book Grade Level 6-8**

Hour of the Bees by Lindsay Eagar ©2016 While her friends are spending their summers having pool parties and sleepovers, twelve-year-old Carolina — Carol — is spending hers in the middle of the New Mexico desert, helping her parents move the grandfather she's never met into a home for people with dementia. **Grade Level 5-8**

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka ©2015 It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. All the other kids picked countries like France or Germany, but when Caitlin saw Zimbabwe written on the board, it sounded like the most exotic place she had ever heard of -- so she chose it. **Grade Level 6-Up**

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger ©2015 In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. **Grade Level 5-7**

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo ©2016 Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. **2016 National Book Award Finalist Grade Level 5-8**

Almost Home by Joan Bauer ©2012 Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness. **Grade Level 5-8**

A.K.A. Genius by Marilee Haynes ©2013 "When standardized test scores identify seventh-grader Gabe Carpenter as St. Jude's resident genius, he wonders what it means to have brains when he can't even manage to open his own locker." **Grade Level 5-7**

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible by Leon Leyson ©2013 The biography of Leon Leyson, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child. **Grade Level 6-7**

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan ©2012 A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. Includes author's note about the poet. **Pura Belpré Award Winner Grade Level 5-9**

Slacker by Gordon Korman ©2016 When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not. **Grade Level 5-7**

Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool ©2011 Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was. **2011 Newbery Medal Book Grade Level 5-8**